

(b) This addition switching capacity and Long Distance Public Telephones have been provided in all States. Combined post and telegraph offices are presently working in all states.

(c) The shortfall in respect of Long Distance Public Telephones is due to inadequate supply of the equipment to connect these to the nearest telephone exchanges.

(d) No problem is foreseen in regard to providing exchange capacity as planned in Rural areas. For ensuring success of the Long Distance Public Telephones Programme, task forces have been constituted in each Telecom Circles and close monitoring of supplies and commissioning programme is being done at the Headquarters.

#### Commemorative Postal stamps

5811. SHRI DHARAM PAL SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to State :

(a) whether the Government propose to issue more commemorative postal stamp on the historic forts of Rajasthan in near future; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) There is presently no proposal to issue special stamps on the historic forts of Rajasthan.

(b) Does not arise.

#### Public Call Offices in Ernakulam and Kottayam Districts of Kerala

5812. SHRI P.C.THOMAS: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether more P.C.Os are proposed to be provided in Ernakulam and Kottayam districts in Kerala during the current year; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) Yes, Sir.

#### (b) (i) ERNAKULAM DISTRICT

P.Ts provided from 1.4.91 to 31.7.91	115
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P.Ts proposed to be provided from 1.8.91 to 31.3.92.	60
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#### (ii) KOTTAYAM DISTRICT

P.Ts provided from 1.4.91 to 31.7.91	8
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P.Ts to be provided from 1.8.91 to 31.3.92	45
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#### Expansion of Para-Military Forces

5813. SHRI GOPINATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state: (a) whether the Govern-

ment propose to expand the Indo-Tibetan Border Police Force;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some other Para-Military

Forces are proposed to be expanded during this year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (d). The strength of the paramilitary forces is reviewed from time to time, keeping in view various factors including the prevalent law and order situation, and action taken to augment the forces as considered necessary.

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[Translation]

*Haryana*

**Alleged Irregularities at Central Institute of Research on Buffalo, Hissar**

5814. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether several cases of irregularities at Central Institute of Research on Buffalo Hissar have been brought to the notice of the Union government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Union government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The irregularities relate to poor herd management, lack of planning in research and non-observance of codal formalities in making purchases.

(c) A joint technical, financial and performance audit has been carried out. The Director of the Institute has been transferred and his explanation has been called.

[English] *Automobile,  
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**Sales Tax on Maruti-Suzuki Vehicles**

5815. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the rate of sales tax charged on the Maruti-Suzuki vehicles sold in Delhi;

(b) the rate of sales tax charged on bicycles, scooters and motor cycles sold in Delhi;

(c) whether the Government propose to raise the rate of sales tax on Maruti vehicles in view of the difficult financial situation prevailing in the country; and

(d) if so the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) Fuel efficient motor cars of engine capacity below 1000 c.c. are liable to tax @ 6% of the sale price in Delhi. All other types of motor vehicles including Maruti-Suzuki vehicles of 1000 c.c. engine capacity are liable to tax @ 10% when sold in Delhi.

(b) the rate of sales tax on these items is 10%.

(c) and (d). The Delhi Administration has reported that no such proposal is under their consideration at present.

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**Gun Manufacturers in J&K**

5816. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state: (a) the number of gun manufacturers and factories in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) the number of licenced units working in Kashmir at present;